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JOHN J. DOGGETT NAMED FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEF

The Director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, John Turner, announced today the appointment of John J. Doggett as chief of the Service's Division of Law Enforcement. Doggett brings to his new position more than 21 years of Federal law enforcement experience and a reputation as an expert in wildlife law enforcement throughout the country.

"Doggett's extensive professional experience will serve us well as he directs Service operations to enforce laws protecting our Nation's wildlife," Turner said.

As chief of Law Enforcement, Doggett, 45, serves as the Director's principal advisor concerning law enforcement activities, and oversees a nationwide network of almost 200 Service law enforcement special agents and 60 wildlife inspectors.

Prior to accepting this position, Doggett served for 10 years as the special agent in charge for the Service's Branch of Training and Inspection. Doggett has considerable experience in criminal law procedure, as well as wildlife conservation and environmental law. A native of Tennessee, Doggett earned a B.S. in business administration and a J.D. in law from the University of Tennessee.

He began his Federal career as an attorney with the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps where he served as a prosecutor and legal advisor to military police and criminal investigation units. He remains active in the Army reserves and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.